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TAGS: OCON, PORG, UNESCO, EEC

SUBJECT: EC-9 DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL ISSUES AT

UNESCO

SUMMARY: THE UNESCO GROUP OF NINE, UNDER DUTCH CHAIRMANSHIP, MET AUGUST 23 AND 24 TO DRAFT COMMON REPORT FOR EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS WHO WILL MEET OCTOBER 6 IN HAGUE TO DEVELOP POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO FOREIGN MINISTERS ON MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE AT FORTHCOMING UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE, NAIROBI, OCTOBER 26 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1976. FOLLOWING IS ACTING CONFIDENTIAL

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PERMREP'S REPORT, BASED ON SOURCES WITHIN THE GROUP, ON

WHAT EMERGED FROM THIS TWO-DAY MEETING. END SUMMARY

1. THE GROUP WAS UNANIMOUS THAT DG M'BOW AND THE AFRICAN STATES ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE THE NAIROBI CONFERENCE A SUCCESS AND RECOMMENDED TO THEIR CAPITALS TO REINFORCE CONTACTS WITH THE AFRICANS.

2. ON THE ISRAELI-RELATED ISSUES (IN CONNECTION WITH ITEMS 2, 9, 68, 70 AND 77 ON 19TH GENCONF AGENDA), THE GROUP: (A) AGREED THAT GOI SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO MAKE A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL TOWARD UNESCO, ESPECIALLY SINCE ISRAEL IS IN A SITUATION OF "APPLICANT" IN ITS DESIRE TO JOIN THE EUROPEAN REGION. FRENCH INSISTED ON THIS POINT, EVEN THOUGH FRENCH SEEM TO BE NOW SOLIDLY BEHIND OUR JOINT EFFORT TO INCLUDE ISRAEL INTO EUROPEAN REGION WHICH THEY OPPOSED IN THE PAST; (B) SUGGESTED THAT EVALUATION BE MADE OF HYPOTHESIS, EVEN THOUGH AT MOMENT NOT REALISTIC ONE, OF BREAKING UP THE EUROPEAN REGION BY DEPARTING FROM THE REGION OF EE COUNTRIES IF ISRAEL ADMITTED; (C) WAS UNANIMOUS AGAINST THE RECONFIRMATION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL ON THE JERUSALEM ISSUE, WHICH WAS APPROVED AT GENCONF IN 1974 BY VOTE OF 64 TO 27 WITH 26 ABSTENTIONS; AND (D) RECOMMENDED THAT AN APPROACH BE MADE TO THE ARABS SO THAT THEY DON'T EXASPERATE THE SITUATION.

3. THE GROUP EXPRESSED OPINION AGAINST INCREASING THE NUMBER OF EXBD FROM PRESENT 40 MEMBERS TO 45 (AS PROPOSED BY BURMA AND RWANDA AMENDMENTS), BUT THOUGHT THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS CAN ONLY REASONABLY EXPECT FROM GENCONF THAT THEIR ARGUMENTS (OBVIOUSLY OF FINANCIAL AND PRACTICAL NATURE) BE FAVORABLY RECEIVED THERE. FROM THEN ON, THEY WILL BE ORIENTED TOWARDS AN EXBD OF 45, UNLESS AN INTERMEDIARY PROPOSAL (E.G. AN INCREASE OF TWO MEMBERS) WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF CONSENSUS, WHICH IS HARDLY LIKELY. IT FELT THAT A COMMON ATTITUDE, PREFERABLY CONCILIATORY ONE, WOULD BE USEFUL TO ADOPT THENCEFORTH.

4. CONCERNING THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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DEMOCRATIC ACCESS TO CULTURE (ITEM 28), THE GROUP FELT THAT THE TEXT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE IN ITS PRESENT FORM. LANGUAGE USED IN THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING FOR THE PARTIES CONCERNED, AS E.G. THE ROLE OF CENSORSHIP, THE DUTIES OF ARTISTS TOWARDS SOCIETY, FASCISM AND RACISM "IN ALL ITS FORMS AND MANIFESTATIONS," (THE WORD "RACISM", ACCORDING TO SOME MEMBER STATES, SHOULD BE INTERPRETED IN THE SPIRIT OF

UNGA RES. 3379, AN INTERPRETATION CONTESTED BY EC-9 IN EXPLANATION OF COMMON VOTE), ETC. IT WAS FELT THAT A COMMON ATTITUDE OF THE NINE WOULD HAVE GREAT PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE AND, THUS, MAY WIN AT LEAST A REASONABLE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES TO ABSTAIN.

5. RE ITEMS 9 AND 10 -- UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION TO STRENGTHENING OF PEACE, PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, ETC. THE GROUP AGREED ON NECESSITY TO HAVE AN EXCELLENT DRAFT

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RESOLUTION BEFORE THE OPENIHG OF GENCONF. FRENCH

NATIONAL COMMISSION WILL BE PREPARING A PAPER THAT COULD  
SERVE AS A BASIS FOR A COMMON TEXT.

6. THE GROUP WAS IN AGREEMENT THAT UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION  
TO THE NIEO WILL BE IMPORTANT, IF NOT KEY, ISSUE IN  
GENERAL POLICY DEBATE AND THAT MUCH CAREFUL ATTENTION  
SHOULD BE GIVEN THIS TOPIC (ITEM 11). GROUP SINGLED  
OUT THIS ISSUE FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BY  
POLITICAL DIRECTORS.

7. THE GROUP WAS UNITED THAT ITEMS PROPOSED BY USSR  
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(AGENDA ITEMS 72 AND 73) ARE THOSE THAT DELIBERATELY  
POLITICIZE THE WORK OF UNESCO. IT RECOMMENDED THAT A  
COMMON ANALYSIS AND POSITION WOULD BE DESIRABLE BEFORE  
GENCONF.

8. COMMENT: PERMDEL FEELS THAT FOREGOING, BY AND LARGE,  
COINCIDES WITH OUR OWN THINKING ON SUBJECT  
ITEMS AND RECOMMENDS THAT CLOSER COLLABORATION WITH THE  
GROUP NINE ON THESE AND SIMILAR MATTERS SHOULD BE  
ESTABLISHED. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED ON  
FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE AREAS.  
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